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TAGS: PFOR, CGEN, UR, US (MCCLELLAN, IRINA)

SUBJECT: MCCLELLAN CASE

REF: STATE 213786

1. MCCLELLAN INFORMED DEPT OCT 15 THAT HE IS RENEWING EFFORT TO OBTAIN VISA TO VISIT HIS WIFE IN MOSCOW. DEPT IS RAISING CASE AGAIN WITH SOVIET EMBASSY, AND AMEMBASSY MOSCOW SHOULD INFORM MFA OF THIS AND REITERATE OUR HOPE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WILL GRANT IRINA MCCLELLAN AND DAUGHTER YELENA KOCHETKOVA EXIT VISAS IN NEAR FUTURE. AMEMBASSY MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT MCCLELLANS HAVE TO DATE BEEN SEPARATED BOTH WAYS--SHE HAS BEEN DENIED AN EXIT VISA, AND HE WAS REFUSED A VISITOR VISA LAST YEAR.

2. MCCLELLAN RECENTLY INFORMED UPI OF WIFE'S REPORT THAT SHE RECEIVED BLACKMAIL DEMANDS BASED ON PHOTOS PURPORTING TO SHOW HER COMMITTING ADULTERY AND STORIES HAVE APPEARED IN
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US PRESS. MCCLELLAN STATED THAT PICTURES ARE RETOUCHE

FORGERIES. IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONFIRM WITH IRINA MCCLELLAN THAT SHE RECEIVED REPORTED BLACK-MAIL ATTEMPT AND INFORM MFA OF OUR CONCERN. EVEN IF PHOTOS ARE REAL OUR SUPPORT FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION EFFORT OF

MCCLELLAN WOULD CONTINUE.

3. FYI, MCCLELLAN WAS RECENTLY INTERVIEWED ON RADIO LIBERTY ABOUT WIFE'S EXIT VISA CASE. KISSINGER

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